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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

There is an old saying about "Behind every cloud there is a silver lining" and it surely looks like the old saying is correct, especially when it comes to the products of this immediate section.

Last winter when we had "that cold snap" and when many were tucking their heads under their wing and moaning about how this end of the country was surely going to the dogs, everything was frozen and there would be nothing doing in these parts for at least two years to come; especially with limas, avocados and a few other of the citrus fruits and that there was no use in trying to go ahead, etc. and so on.

Now comes the silver lining. Those who will have Persian Limes and avocados to sell this season are certainly sitting pretty and it is just about the same as having money in the bank or in the egg. The Persian lime grove is large enough as to acreage it would then be just about the same as owning the bank.

Citrus fruit further up the state were badly damaged by the freeze and many communities further north will have neither limes nor much of anything else to sell

off enemy plane and prevent the invasion of our shores.

It is to be called upon to stand guard over the Panama Canal and the Caribbean, and because of the present situation without our borders be in line for the first blow when it is struck.

We should receive first consideration from our federal government in making available every possible means of defense, as the day of Florida's safety and representatives, as well as our Governor, to do everything in their power to see that we receive such consideration without further delay.

It is to be hoped that our children wearing gas masks

feeling for the protection of bomb shelters is not a pleasant one. But even more grim and terrible is the view of what would happen if we continued at it today.

It is to be hoped that our first ruthless attack that may be directed at us.

Florida should look to the future with a more positive attitude, not only with undue alarm, but rather as a people intelligent enough and courageous enough to face the facts and take the necessary steps that preparedness demands.

And so as that is written we stand on the eve of a second primary election to determine who shall hold this or that office.

While normally such questions might be expected to arouse local interest, the present situation, as directed by world events as to make them seem of little consequence.

Floridians in particular have reason to be concerned over the turn of affairs in Europe for this state, which, because of its location, is in a most precarious position in relation to the national defense. Closest of all states to the Panama Canal and to the island possessions of involved powers located in the Caribbean, we may well ask what the future holds for us.

At Tampa, Jacksonville, the Coco, Miami, Pensacola and Key West, we see the feverish activity of armament navy officials as they rush plans for the establishment of military bases that should have been set up long ago.

The hum of flying fortresses and pursuit planes drowns in Florida as youthful pilots and their planes, in their race, while offshore the sabre-toothed tigers, may glimpse the grim gray shapes of prowling battle craft assigned to patrol duty in our waters.

In spite of the fact that occurs temporarily, we find the scene of conflict, the thoughtful citizen no longer finds that fact very comforting, particularly since the fate of British, Dutch and French possessions at over very doubtful result in mind and the possibility of the immediate establishment of naval and air bases on these islands by an unfriendly power becomes a possibility.

It is indeed a time for clear thinking and straightforward action, and those who have right to be in the delegations in Congress and their leaders at home for action that will insure protection of our state and its people.

The Everglades cities, most of which harbor military objectives, stand without protection. There are few, if any, anti-aircraft guns in the state, and should the day come when we, as a people, find ourselves practically defenseless, dependent wholly upon our naval forces and aviation units to ward

all of which means that the prices are hopping and continue to hop. Right now and here in Homestead Persian limes are selling at 40¢ per dozen and hard to get at that. The new crop will not be on the market for several weeks yet but in the meantime there is a hand, nice crop ripening on the trees are beginning to look around and nothing what a wonderful place this section of the country happens to be. Better yet the Persian lime crop looks good in this intermediate section.

"Somewhere the sun is always shining."

SHORTER BALLOT NEEDED

Polling place congestion can and must be prevented in the future without weakening any of the valuable safeguards which Hillsborough County citizens have thrown around the honesty of their elections. Fewer races in the second primary will prevent congestion May 28.

The county commissioners' discussion of problems arising in last week's voting is a reflection of popular demand for action.

The next legislature can and should reduce the length of the first primary ballot by at least one-third by eliminating the meaningless four races for presidential electors, and by reducing the seven parties at the end of the ballot to a maximum of three with those three made to mean something by providing for a clear-cut statement of national issues.

The county commissioners can help most by vigorously supporting the public demand on the next legislature for a revision of primary laws to shorten the ballot and enable Floridians to show just where they stand on national issues. — Tampa Times.

Fraser, Osborn, Belyeu, Walter Cross, Kermit Dell, Lorenzo Lee, Eli J. W. Jones, Major Lee, Eliot Colombe, Owen Todd, Marvin Usner, Jack W. Williams, McRae, L. M. Mullis, Jr., Jim McCauley, Billy Stuckey, Dan Beardley, O'Neal Walker, John Kautz, Lucy Tatton, L. D. Sowder, Jack Fowler, LeRoy Alspaugh, H. B. Baxter, Mario Spooner, Carter Winstead.

E. J. Wilson Named County Commissioner

E. J. Wilson of Okeechobee was named county commissioner from the fourth district of that county in Tuesday's balloting. Mr. Wilson defeated F. M. Mobley by a vote of 582 to 551. Mr. Wilson is well known to all who are connected with the Glades where he is connected with the Woodmen of the World.

MORANS TO S. AMERICA

On Saturday from the air port at Lakeland, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Moran of Cleveland, will leave for South America, where they will enjoy an extended, but is looking forward to better and more extensive work.

At the end of the year, the school will be in the middle of August.

Mr. Moran will be in business with pleasure as he has a large number

of considerate investigating and study

of farming in those sections of the southland, and hopes to pick up something of value that he may inaugurate in the Glades.

Bishops Name Areas Residences

The Board of Bishops of the Methodist Church has been convened and determined upon new residences for the coming four years. Under the new assignment, Bishop Kern, who has been in charge of the Florida conference, will be assigned to the South and Tennessee areas and Bishop

Moore, will take over the South Alabama-Georgia, and Florida.

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